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## **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 1 and 7-8 pending in the present application. Claims 2-6 and 9-10 have been cancelled above, and the limitations from claims 2-3 and 5-6 have been incorporated into claim 1, claims 9-10 and 12-13 have been incorporated into claim 7, and claims 14-15 and 17-18 have been incorporated into claim 8 to further and speed prosecution.

Applicants are not conceding in this application that the cancelled claims are not patentable, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0441.

Respectfully Submitted,

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